

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit herewith the 1996 Annual Report on Alaska's Mineral Resources, as required by section 1011 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (Public Law 96-487; 16 U.S.C. 3151). This report contains pertinent public information relating to minerals in Alaska gathered by the U.S. Geological Survey, the U.S. Bureau of Mines, and other Federal agencies.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 10, 1998.

REPORT CONCERNING FEDERAL CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 109

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 580 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998, I herewith provide an account of all Federal agency climate change programs and activities.

These activities include both domestic and international programs and activities directly related to climate change.

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MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 347. An act to designate the Federal building located at 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., in Atlanta, Georgia, as the "Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center."

H.R. 595. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 475 Mulberry Street in Macon, Georgia, as the "William Augustus Boodie Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

H.R. 3116. An act to address the Year 2000 computer problems with regard to financial institutions, to extend examination parity to the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision and the National Credit Union Administration, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on March 10, 1998 he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bill:

S. 347. An act to designate the Federal building located at 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., in Atlanta, Georgia, as the "Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs:

Final Report entitled "Investigation of Illegal Or Improper Activities In Connection With 1996 Federal Election Campaigns" (Rept. No. 105-167).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 1733. A bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security and food stamp State agencies to take certain actions to ensure that food stamp coupons are not issued for deceased individuals; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 1734. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to waive the income inclusion on a distribution from an individual retirement account to the extent that the distribution is contributed for charitable purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. ROBB):

S. 1735. A bill to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield, as authorized by Public Law 102-541, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROBB:

S. 1736. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for vessel BETTY JANE; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MACK (for himself, Mr. KERREY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. LOTT, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BOND, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. ABRAHAM):

S. 1737. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a uniform application of the confidentiality privilege to taxpayer communications with federally authorized practitioners; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ABRAHAM:

S. 1738. A bill to amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act to exclude Lake Champlain from the definition of the Great Lakes, which was added by the National Sea Grant College Program Reauthorization Act of 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1739. A bill to establish a commission, under the aegis of the National Science Foundation, to review and propose recommendations for assuring United States leadership in science and mathematics; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1740. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to improve the protections against the unauthorized change of subscribers from one telecommunications carrier to another, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. Res. 194. A resolution designating the week of April 20 through April 26, 1998, as "National Kick Drugs Out of America Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. Res. 195. A bill designating the week of March 22 through March 28, 1998, as "National Corrosion Prevention Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Con. Res. 82. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress concerning the worldwide trafficking of persons, that has a disproportionate impact on women and girls, and is condemned by the international community as a violation of fundamental human rights; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. Con. Res. 83. A concurrent resolution remembering the life of George Washington and his contributions to the Nation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 1733. A bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security and food stamp State agencies to take certain actions to ensure that food stamp coupons are not issued for deceased individuals; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

THE FOOD STAMP FRAUD PREVENTION ACT

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a bill to combat fraud and waste in the food stamp program—in this case, the fraud and waste results from deceased individuals being counted as food stamp recipients. At my request, the General Accounting Office (GAO) has recently completed an inquiry into groups of ineligible persons being counted as food stamp recipients. In the report being released today, GAO reported that 26,000 deceased individuals in four states were on the food stamp rolls. My bill will require the Social Security Administration to share information from its Death Master file with state food stamp agencies to verify that no deceased individuals are counted as members of food stamp households, either increasing a households' benefits or allowing an individual to illegally receive benefits in the deceased person's name.

Last year, GAO reported to the Agriculture Committee that over \$3 million in food stamp benefits were being overpaid to prisoners' households. In response, we passed legislation to stop prisoners from receiving payments. In follow-up to the prisoner study and legislation, I requested that GAO determine if other ineligible individuals were similarly being counted as members of food stamp households. Today